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SUBJ: ASSEMBLY OF PROGRESSIVE JEWS

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1. ON THEM " JUDAISM FACE- TO- FACE WITH A CHANGING WORLD,"
ASSEMBLY OF PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM HELD ITS FOURTH MEETING ON
MARCH 24-25 IN PARIS. SERIES OF SPEAKERS LED BY DR. NAHUM
GOLDMANN, PRESIDENT OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS, ANALYZED
SITUATION OF JEW IN THE WORLD AND POLICIES OF ISRAELI GOVERNMENT
VIS- A- VIS ITS ARAB NEIGHBORS. GOLDMAN IN PARTICULAR TOOK SHARP
ISSUE WITH ISRAELI GOVERNMENT POLICIES.

2. ACCORDING TO REPORT APPEARING IN MARCH 29 LE MODE, GOLDMAN
DEPLORED CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF 19 TH CENTURY MENTALITY WHICH DID
NOT RECOGNIZE THAT ERA OF GHETTOS WAS OVER AND THAT IT HAD BEEN
REPLACED BY WORLD COMPOSED OF COMMUNIST STATES, YOUNG NATIONS
STRUGGLING FOR SOCIAL EMANCIPATION, AND ETHNIC MINORITIES
SEEKING EQUALITY AND RIGHT TO BE DIFFERENT FROM DOMINANT
MAJORITIES. HE ADDED JEWISH LEADERS SHOULD NOT TURN EXCLUSIVELY
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TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE OR QUAI D' ORSAY (SIC) FOR SUPPORT. PRIME MINISTER MEIR SHOULD KEEP IN MIND UNENVIABLE SITUATION OF CHIANG KAI- SHEK, WHEN SHE PURSUED POLICY OF 100 PER CENT DEPENDENCE ON US. GOLDMAN ALSO CRITICIZED CURRENT ATTITUDE OF JEWISH PEOPLES WHICH HAD ONCE BEEN ON FRONTIERS OF NON- CONFORMITY BUT WHO NOW AMONG MOST ARDENT DEFENDERS OF STATUS QUO AND WHO WERE UNCONCERNED ABOUT SUFFERINGS AND STRUGGLES OF OTHER OPPRESSED MINORITIES. GOLDMAN CONCLUDED BY PROPOSING CREATION OF WORLD COMMITTEE ON MINORITIES, PURPOSE OF WHICH WOULD BE TO OPPOSE BLIND IDENTIFICATION OF JEWS OF THE DIASPORA WITH EACH AND EVERY POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL.

3. SEVERAL OTHER SPEAKERS SPOKE OUT AGAINST WHAT THEY DESCRIBED AS OPPRESSIVE ISRAELI POLICIES. FOR EXAMPLE, ENRICO AGNOLETTI, ITALIAN SOCIALIST LEADER, STATED THAT JEWS SHOULD NOT BE SILENT IN FACE OF SUPPORT WHICH JERUSALEM HAS GIVEN TO AMERICAN VIETNAMESE POLICY OR TO " FIERCE REPRESSION" OF PALESTINIANS UNDER OCCUPATION REGIME.

4. COMMENT: IF PRESS REPORTS ARE REASONABLY ACCURATE, AS ISRAELI EMBASSY OFFICER TOLD US THEY WERE, MEETING OF PROGRESSIVE JEWS INTERESTING FOR EXPRESSION BY ZIONIST LEFT- WING OF CRITICISM OF POLICIES OF ISRAEL. SESSION WAS ATTENDED BY HISTRADUT GENERAL SECRETARY BEN AHARON, AND ALSO BY MAPAM PARTY REPRESENTATIVES, AND DISCUSSIONS REPRESENTED REMARKABLY OPEN GIVE- AND - TAKE AMONG THOSE WHO FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT CURRENT TRENDS IN ISRAELI POLICY. DECONTROL 12/31/75. IRWIN

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